

4. **Motion – L. Dudas - Alto High-Speed Rail Network Introduction**
Motion – L. Dudas - Présentation du réseau de train à grande vitesse Alto

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council approve the following:

1. That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Transport, and the Minister of Infrastructure to express the City of Ottawa's strong support for the Alto High-Speed Rail project, and to urge the Federal Government to maintain momentum and prioritize Alto High-Speed Rail project through the Major Projects Office; and
2. That City staff be directed to continue engagement with Alto technical teams and report back to Council on opportunities for local integration, community benefits, and with major project updates.

Recommandation(s) du comité

Que le Conseil approuve ce qui suit :

1. Que le maire écrive, au nom du Conseil municipal, au premier ministre, au ministre des Transports et au ministre de l'Infrastructure pour exprimer le soutien indéfectible de la Ville d'Ottawa au projet de train à grande vitesse Alto et exhorter le gouvernement fédéral à garder le cap et à faire en sorte que le Bureau des grands projets priorise le projet;
2. Qu'il soit demandé au personnel municipal de poursuivre la collaboration avec les équipes techniques d'Alto et de présenter au Conseil les possibilités d'intégration locale du projet ainsi que ses avantages communautaires et ses principaux progrès.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of the draft Minutes, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, September 25, 2025

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité des travaux publics et de l'infrastructure, le 25 septembre 2025

2. Presentation submitted to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, dated September 25, 2025

Présentation soumise au Comité des travaux publics et de l'infrastructure, daté le 25 septembre 2025

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Alto High-Speed Rail Network Introduction

The following consultants provided a presentation on the item and answered questions from the Committee. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

- Jennifer Falconer, Senior Advisor, Public and Government Relations (ALTO)
- Daphne Hurtubise (ALTO)

The following staff responded to questions from Committee:

- Vivi Chi, Special Advisor, Planning
- Jennifer Armstrong, Director, Transportation Planning

Councillor L. Dudas moved a motion about this topic that got carried with Councillor S. Desroches dissenting.

Motion No. PWIC 2025-21-01

Moved by L. Dudas

WHEREAS the Alto High-Speed Rail project is a transformative infrastructure project, aiming to connect Toronto, Peterborough, Ottawa, Montréal, Laval, Trois-Rivières, and Québec City via nearly 1,000 km of dedicated, electrified track; and

WHEREAS the project will operate trains at speeds of up to 300 km/h, dramatically reducing travel times (e.g., Ottawa–Montréal in under one hour, Ottawa–Toronto in just over two hours), and enabling a real modal shift in intercity travel; and

WHEREAS the project is expected to generate \$24.5 billion in annual GDP impact, driven by increased productivity, labour mobility,

tourism, and workforce participation, and create over 51,000 construction jobs; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa stands to benefit significantly from improved connectivity, economic growth, and enhanced accessibility, further positioning our capital city as a globally competitive destination; and

WHEREAS the federal government has identified this as a project of national significance, awarded a \$3.9 billion development contract, and committed to accelerating its timeline through the newly established Major Projects Office; and

WHEREAS Ottawa Unlimited — a partnership between Ottawa Tourism, Invest Ottawa, and the Ottawa Board of Trade — publicly endorsed the Alto High-Speed Rail project recognizing it as a “once-in-a-generation opportunity” to position Ottawa as a globally competitive, accessible, and attractive destination for visitors, talent, and investment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Transport, and the Minister of Infrastructure to expresses the City of Ottawa’s strong support for the Alto High-Speed Rail project, and to urge the Federal Government to maintain momentum and prioritize Alto High-Speed Rail project through the Major Projects Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City staff be directed to continue engagement with Alto technical teams and report back to Council on opportunities for local integration, community benefits, and with major project updates.

Carried